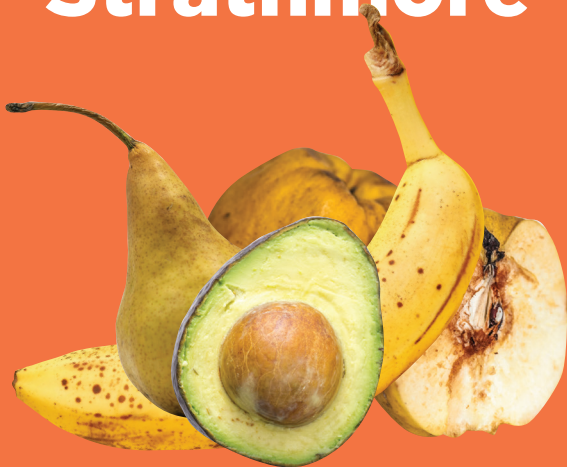




# Composting Service

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## Town of Strathmore



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## The Benefits of Composting

Considerable energy and resources are invested in the cultivation of our food and the manufacturing of compostable products. When these items find their way to landfills, the potential value of the remaining nutrients is lost forever, and the energy expended in their creation squandered. Additionally, organic materials discarded in landfills are a notable contributor to the release of unnecessary greenhouse gases.

By actively participating in your communities green cart program and diverting organic materials to compost facilities, we take a significant step towards generating positive benefits for both our community and the environment. This mindful action reduces waste to landfill, rescues the nutrient value in organic waste so it can be utilized in future food production and ensures the initial energy used in production of food and compostable products is not wasted.

## What happens to my organic material?

After your composting material is collected, it is consolidated at our facility in Calgary and then transported to Stickland Farms. Upon arrival at the farm the material is put into aerated piles for the initial stage of composting. When this stage is complete, the material is put into windrow piles and will be rotated until the final product is reached. This final product, a soil amendment and fertilizer replacement is then utilized on the farm to produce more food.

*To date Stickland Farms has reduced their fertilizer usage by*

**75%**

*through the utilization of this product created from your compost.*



The organic material collected by BluPlanet in the town of Strathmore is processed in Southern Alberta and aids in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from landfills while improving soil health and plant growth for local farms.



## How to prepare your organics:

- 1 Using a kitchen catcher and compostable bags to line the bin to make cleaning easier. Compostable bags can be purchased at most grocery and hardware stores.
- 2 Empty and clean the container regularly to reduce smell.
- 3 Yard waste can be disposed of directly within your organics container and/or a certified compostable yard waste bag. Please note, all material must fit inside the container with the lid closed and branches must not exceed a 1 inch diameter.

Look for these symbols:



## What Items Can Go In My Green Cart?



Fruits & Vegetables



Meat, Fish, Shellfish & Bones



Food-Soiled Paper Plates & Napkins



Coffee Filters & Tea Bags



Eggshells & Dairy Products



Bread, Noodles, Rice, Beans & Grains



Plate Scrapings



Small Plants

